

In Order to Form a More Perfect Union: John Dickinson, James Madison and the United States Constitution

As an early celebration of Constitution Day on September 17, the Delaware Public Archives will present a special program about the United States Constitution on Saturday, September 5, 10:30 a.m. at the Archives. Presented by Henry J. Foresman, Jr. this program will explore how both James Madison and John Dickinson, in their own way, helped shape the Constitution and our early republic. While James Madison is remembered as the father of our Constitution, many forget the contributions of John Dickinson, who after Madison may have been the most learned scholar of government and politics from antiquity to the age of the American Revolution.

Henry J. Foresman, Jr. is a retired Colonel in the United States Army, having served 33 years on active duty. He is now Director of the Washington Office of the Third Army and has served in his current position at the Pentagon since May 2012. His responsibilities include the coordination and interaction with Department of Defense and Army Staff and Agencies on behalf of the Commanding General Third Army. Other major responsibilities include the Administration of Office; Budget Management; and Congressional interaction.

The program is free to the public and will last approximately one hour. No reservations are required. For more information, contact Tom Summers (302) 744-5047 or e-mail thomas.summers@delaware.gov.

The Delaware Public Archives is located at 121 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard North in Dover. The Mabel Lloyd Ridgely Research Room is open to the public Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. On the second Saturday of every month the research room is open from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.